

## News of Horses and Horsemen

BY W. J. CARTER, "BROAD ROCK."

Favored by ideal weather conditions the series of fairs and race meetings along the line of the Virginia-Carolina circuit this fall have been pronounced successes, as exhibits, particularly of live stock, have been much larger than formerly, while better horses have competed in the harness races and made faster time over the half-mile tracks, at least. The opening meeting at Radford was well patronized, while at Roanoke and Lynchburg, the average was larger than ever before. The Virginia State Fair at Richmond, however, which lasted through the week of October from the 6th to 10th, broke all records for this section of the South, as the splendid exhibits of horses, cattle and other live stock doubled those of former years, and were of a much higher class, but even with this, a revelation was furnished in the matter of attendance, as on Wednesday—Richmond Day—over 50,000 people gathered on the grounds, the big grandstand being packed and the enclosure filled, while a vast crowd lined the stretches overlooking the mile track far down in either direction.

The association made money and after the lifting will remain with which to begin operations another year. From Richmond some of the horses were shipped to Hagerstown, Md., others to Emporia, Va., while the remainder, some went to North Carolina State Fair, at Raleigh, and others to Greensboro, N.C., as there four meetings took place during the same week. Even with the conflict of dates the fairs and meeting at Emporia, Raleigh and Greensboro, all did well, which encourages greater efforts for another year, and is to be taken as a proof that racing is growing in popularity in Virginia, the Carolinas and other Southern States.

**Nelly McZeus, 2:26 1/4, Wins.**  
The performance of Nelly McZeus, the handsome brown mare, by McZeus, 2:13, on Tuesday last at Emporia, Va., when she won the 2:27 trot, was highly pleasing to her owners, A. T. Griffith and Clyde W. Saunders, of this city. Four heats were required to decide the contest, and the brown mare went up against a game and level-headed young horse in Judge Palmer, the four-year-old son of Buraro, 2:29 1/4. Nelly McZeus won the first heat in 2:30, then Judge Palmer won the next heat in 2:27 1/4, after which the daughter of McZeus won the third and fourth heats in 2:26 1/4.

The contest, rather than the time, is worthy of comment, the half-mile track being at least five seconds slower than both horses fought it out for wire to wire. McZeus, the sire of Nelly McZeus, trotted to a four-year-old record of 2:13 in California, and is one of the stoutest bred sons of McKinney, 2:11 1/4, who no ranks as pretentious as the greatest living sire, Louise Branch, the dam of Nelly McZeus, was sired by Woodburn Hambleton, from Bettie Bell, dam of the pacing gelding, Branchwood, 2:23 1/4, a mare of unfractured breeding, one of the greatest roadsters of her day. Bettie Bell was owned by Mr. John P. Branch, of the banking house of Thomas Branch & Co., who bred Branchwood, Louise Branch and Nelly McZeus.

**Winning Owners at Jamestown.**  
The Jamestown Jockey Club distributed about \$15,000 for sixty-seven races that were decided during the recent meeting at Norfolk, Va. The meeting lasted thirteen days, and fifty-five owners took part, of whom the following twenty-one won \$500 or more: J. P. Nugent, \$355; M. C. McKetta, \$225; E. M. Arthur, \$775; D. T. Morris, \$770; W. Gerst, \$630; D. Dunlop, \$600; E. Ueberback, \$590; G. Denton, \$585; J. P. Mayberry, \$520; T. Wright, \$485; C. H. Hall, \$450; B. F. Guthrie, \$440; Mrs. J. W. Davis, \$425; A. D. Parr, \$405; L. B. Fitzgerald, \$375; M. Oschner, \$370; Montpelier Stables, \$360; D. Cornell, \$355; J. Johnston,

H. W. Moseley, \$340; H. Ordling, \$300.

**Lucas Wins With Lucius Todd.**  
With Lucius Todd, the bay stallion, by Actonward, William Bass won the 2:25 pace, an early closing event for a purse of \$500, at the Virginia State Fair meeting after a contest of five heats, the first and second going to Hanniss Boy, by Cooper's Hanniss, son of the old-time campaigner Hanniss, 2:17 3/4, in 2:18 1/4 and 2:21 1/2. After this Bass got Lucius Todd squared away and won the third, fourth and fifth heats in 2:19 1/4, 2:19 1/2 and 2:23 1/2, the whole field thing as the race progressed. Lucius Todd was bred in Tennessee, and is a new standard performer for Actonward, 2:13 3/4, the son of Shadwell, by Woodward, and Lottie P. by Blue Bull, Jr. Belle C., the dam of Lucius Todd, is daughter of Tennessee Wilkes, and she also figures as the dam of the ill-fated Kruger, 2:04, whose tragic death occurred during the early part of the present season. Lucius Todd is in the stable of T. L. Stackhouse, of Marion, S. C., whose horses have trained at Richmond, Va., this season.

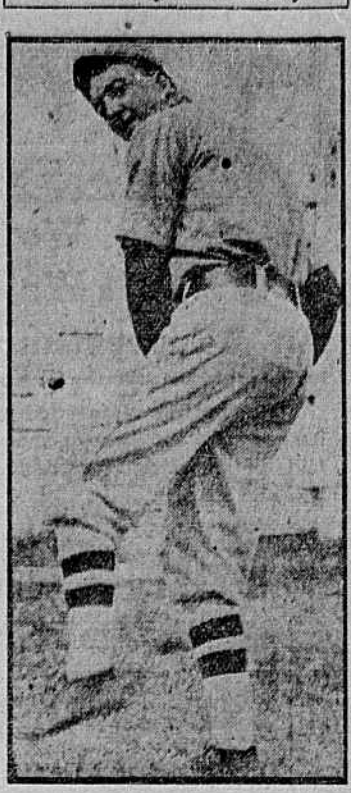
On Wednesday last, the 14th instant, Bass won another race at Emporia, where Lucius Todd was shipped from Richmond, but over the slow half-mile track there, this son of Actonward only had to pace three heats, in 2:28, 2:23 and 2:24, to win. Lucius Todd is a well-bred horse, and also with a good way of going, though he races in hobbles.

**Dr. Madara in Good Form.**  
Of this season's performers along the line of the Virginia-Carolina circuit, a rehabilitation to be noted is that of the old-time gelding, Dr. Madara, 2:08 1/4, the former pupil of Scott Hudson, in whose hands the son of Simmons went up like a rocket, said his turn of speed at the lateral gait. Though one of the fastest pacers in the North, Dr. Madara was a well-known knacker, and that brought about his undoing in grand circuit company, so the chestnut gelding passed through the New York sales several years back and drifted to Virginia. For several years he was in the hands of Y. Turner, of this city, who started the horse in an occasional race, but with indifferent success, until this fall, when he won the free-for-all at Roanoke in record time, was again first in the 2:20 race at Lynchburg, where he established a track record, while at Richmond he was second to Ed. Balf in the fastest class of the meeting.

**Slus Smith Sentenced.**  
For the murder of William Murphy, at Acra Stock Farm, near Richmond, last March, Slus Smith has been sentenced to the Virginia State prison for one year.

Smith was employed by Griffith and Saunders, proprietors of Acra, as a trainer, while Murphy served as a driver. The two men had been quarreling for some time, and the latter, who was under the influence of liquor, but under the plea of defending the honor of his home, this aged Kentuckian escaped with a much lighter penalty than the gravity of the offense merited. At least, this is the general opinion. Swayed, according to their own admissions, however, by sympathy, sentiment and the terms of the "unwritten law," members of the grand jury were lenient in rendering a verdict. Since removing from Kentucky, the State of his nativity, about twenty years ago, Smith has been identified with the harness horse interests of North Carolina, as a trainer and driver. He was employed by Colonel Patrick, 2:10 1/4, Conroy, 2:10 1/4; Estrella, 2:13 3/4; Bird Eye, 2:14 1/4, and others with slower marks. Well known as "Uncle Slus," he was a familiar figure on many half-mile tracks of the East. Since being imprisoned, Smith has not lacked for attention in the way of generous financial responses and otherwise from his former employers, Griffith and Saunders, who were prompt to engage able legal counsel, S. Walton, of Washington, D. C.

## The Naps' Mainstay



**PITCHER JOSS,** of the Cleveland team, who pitched the remarkable game of yesterday, he shut out Chicago without a hit and did not allow one of his opponents to reach first base.

ton Farm, Falls Mills, Va., and other well known horsemen.

**Jimmy Lane and Grandpa.**  
Two Virginia-bred horses occupied the entire stage at Belmont Park, New York, the largest and best-appointed course in America, on Monday last, October 13th, when Jimmy Lane, by His Grace, out of Anna Page, was first in the Corinthian open steeplechase handicap, for four-year-olds and upward, and Grandpa, an unsexed son of Imp. Greydamster and Phillips, bred by the Gravens, of Greenwood, was second. The distance, about two and one-half miles, was run in 5:32 1/2. Gentlemen riders had the mounts, with H. S. Page on Jimmy Lane and W. C. Hayes riding Grandpa.

**Colonel Chapman's Retirement.**  
Some well-bred horses will change hands at the dispersal sale that takes place at Shetland Stock Farm, on Tuesday afternoon, October 27th. The offerings include trotters and pacers and promising youngsters, also some brood mares, with foal by Wealth, 2:10, son of Gambetta Wilkes, 2:19 1/4, world's leading sire of speed, with over 200 in the list. Among other sires represented is Lancelot, 2:13, now at Bullfield Farm, the scene of that wonderful mare's triumphs in the breeding class.

**The Fair and the Farmer**  
BY J. G. FERNEYHOUGH, State Veterinarian.  
We have reached a point which in the last few years concerning the various breeds of cattle, horses and swine, has been the subject of much discussion. The proper foods to be given and other particular incident to breeding—but never in the history of the world has there been a more glorious opportunity of seeing a living proof of all that he had heard as was accorded him in the wonderful exhibit of live stock and agricultural achievement as that displayed at the State Fair held in Richmond, Va. last week.

**The Advantages of Observation.**  
The farmer who has been a little dubious as to the advisability of selecting the Hackney stallion as a sire, since he had heard much of the particular breed, but personally knew little about it, had a splendid chance to see the reality of the breed, and to see the specimens of this wonderful display of magnificent sires. Since seeing in his own eyes the reality of the breed, he wishes to decide for or against it. Again, there were splendid specimens of the Percheron, sire of the magnificent draft horses so well known throughout the country, and numerous other breeds were also in evidence, all showing the line of results of proper breeding in the first place, and proper care and attention afterwards.

**Magnificent Display of Swine.**  
The exhibit of swine was one long to be remembered. There were specimens of many famous breeds, and for a time at least the "porker" held position of pre-eminence. Among the various kinds in recent years which is patent to all. Another breed which is fast coming into prominence is the Duroc, and during fair week an organization known as the Duroc Association held an enthusiastic meeting, during which speeches were made, election of officers held, various other business matters discussed and future plans formulated.

**The Pride of the Dairyman.**  
When we mention the cattle exhibit we do so almost with bated breath, as it was indeed a rare privilege to be able to view the wonderful display of various breeds from all over the country, nor do we wonder that the dairy men are proud of their herds. There were Shortborns and Holsteins, Ayrshires, Jerseys and Guernseys, and the truly magnificent and splendid show of dairy cattle was enough to convince even the most skeptical that breeding will tell. Our farmers present, whose herds are self-completed of the fact that the poor condition of their herds is undoubtedly largely due to the carelessness in the past.

During the week the Virginia Dairy-men's Association held its second annual convention. All the meetings were splendidly attended, and the greatest possible interest and enthusiasm was manifested. The Duroc Association was made up of Hon. B. L. Purcell, Hon. J. A. Turner, Commissioner Koiner and other prominent men from various sections who took upon the great good being done by the association, and the aid it has given the farmers since its organization. There have been given a State Dairy Commissioner, and through the efforts of the said association the dairy industry in the State of Virginia has been brought into the industries and resources of the State of Virginia. An election of officers was held, and the chief features of the convention, while at the banquet given on the last night of the closing feature was an informal address by Dr. V. P. L. B. Barringer, president of the V. P. L. in which he took up the subject of the control of tuberculosis among cattle, giving the members the benefit of some good, sound advice.

**The Sheep and Poultry.**  
The sheep breeders had a splendid chance to compare breeds and study the relative value of the various sires, since a finer lot of sheep are rarely gathered anywhere. Like the other ex-

hibits, they were but an object lesson to our farmers, and an actual demonstration of what can be done and is being done in that particular line. The display of poultry was one to make glad the heart of the good housewife, as our feathered friends, of every breed and variety, were there in strength of numbers, showing the remarkable progress recently made in the improvement of poultry, through the medium of proper breeding, with good care and attention.

**The Agricultural Feature.**  
But, interesting as it is to dwell upon the various exhibits, the one that we have the most interest in, and which we are eager to recall the agricultural feature of the fair. As surely as we love and appreciate all classes of finely bred live stock, just as surely we delight in the agricultural products which every farm must produce which produces good stock.

Having reached this point, we can realize fully the importance of the fair, and the great benefit to be derived from it. It is really to benefit the farmer. This fair was not held for mere pleasure, but for the purpose of showing the results of the farmer's work, and then gratifying his curiosity and satisfying his love of pleasure by tricks of amusement, which every farm must produce which produces good stock.

**The Lesson for the Farmer.**  
The animals of all classes and of the very finest breeds, on the one hand, and the choicest agricultural productions on the other, gave the farmer a good view of what farming might mean to him if he would but.

**Carlisle Kicking Find**  
The Virginia Indians almost every season develop a sensational goal kicker. This year it is Thorpe, the half back, whose name will be linked with Hudson, Johnson and Mount Pleasant of former years. Two weeks ago last Saturday Thorpe beat State College by kicking three goals from place, and he did the same feat again at Syracuse last Saturday. In two matches he scored six goals and made every point credited to his team.

**WITH THE BOWLERS**  
On the Lake Allegheny Mr. Vaden won the first prize on both Tuesday and Thursday nights. Following are the scores:  
Tuesday night—Vaden, 117; Brown, 112; Beck, 110; Deasy, 104; Russell, 102; Maury, 100; Colter, 94; Wilkes, 94; Browning, 92.  
Thursday night—Vaden, 110; Briggs, 105; Beck, 103; Lizers, 101; Deasy, 100; Wilkes, 99; Whitman, 97; Simpson, 95; Perkins, 95; Coulter, 94.

Some of the highest scores for the week were as follows:  
Mr. Charles H. Cosby rolled the highest score in tenpins for the week—235.  
Master Charles H. Cosby rolled the highest score in duckpins, with 114 to his credit.  
Mrs. I. J. Meadow rolled the highest ladies' score for the week, score, 129.

**THE RAG WINNERS**  
League championship. Jennings was born April 1, 1870, at Pittston, Pa., and first played professionally during the latter part of the season of 1890, when he caught for the Allentown team, of the Eastern League, and had an excellent record, both in fielding and batting. Jennings commenced the next season as catcher of the Lehigh (Pa.) club, and while with this team he distinguished himself to the extent that Manager Jack Chapman signed him for the Louisville club, then of the American Association. He started as Louisville's first baseman, and made a good impression. When Harry Taylor returned to the team Jennings was shifted to short field, but he made good. In 1893 Jennings was traded, along with Taylor, by Louisville's new manager, Billy Barnie, to the Baltimore club, which just came under Hanlon's control. Jennings fitted in well with the hustling, ambitious team Hanlon had put together, and he and Keeler formed the famous quartette which was the backbone of the champion Baltimore team for three seasons. During the years 1894-95-96 Jennings played wonderful ball, and was rated in point of dash, speed, braving, strong batting and base-running the greatest shortstop the game has yet produced. In 1899 he was traded to Brooklyn, when the Baltimore and Brooklyn clubs were consolidated. He injured his arm to such an extent that he had to give up short field and play first base. In 1901-02 he played with the Philadelphia team as first baseman and captain and manager. In 1902 he retired from the National League and went back to his first love, Baltimore, whose Eastern League team he managed in 1903-04-05-06. In between times he studied law, and two years ago was admitted to the Maryland bar. He had intended to retire to Brooklyn, when the Baltimore and Brooklyn clubs were consolidated. 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